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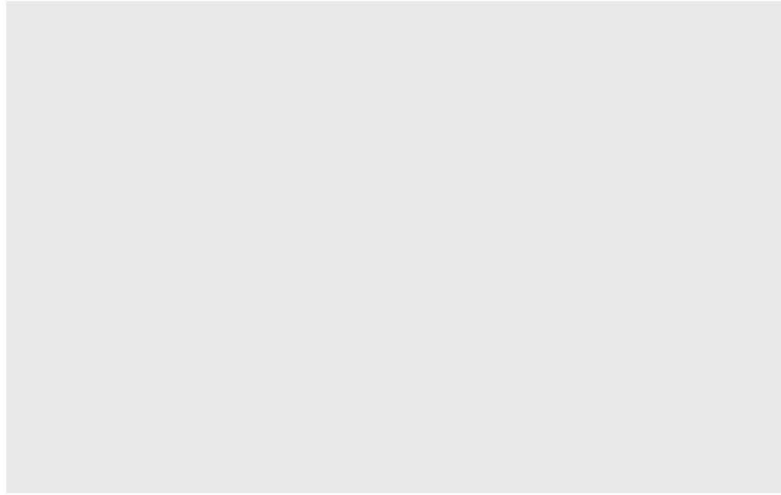
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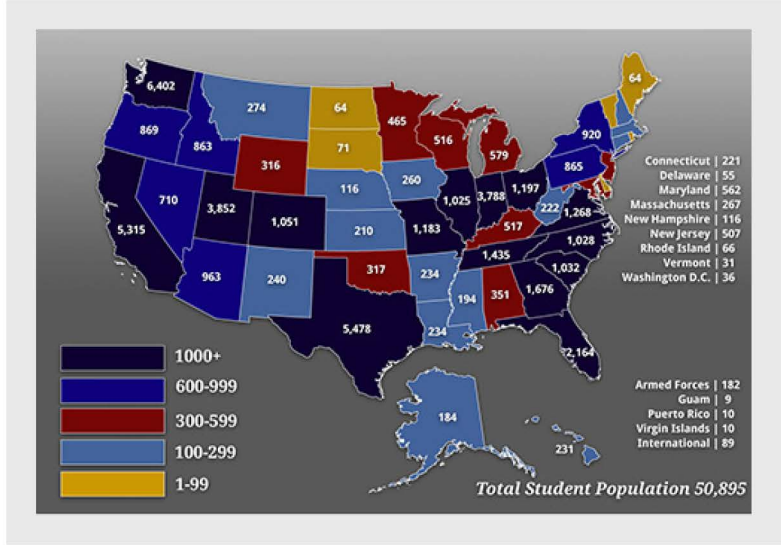
Just 15 years after Western Governors University (WGU) admitted its first student, the nonprofit, competency-based university passed a key milestone in October 2014: 50,000 enrolled students nationwide. Hear what Governor Mike Leavitt had to say about the accomplishment, then [read more about the university's growth](#).



"From one student to 50,000, I think it has to be one of the great miracles of higher education in this century and maybe beyond. It is so unusual for an innovation to catch on, to take root, and to be implemented in a way that is considered high quality, that it simply needs to be acknowledged and recognized as one of the great achievements of this century in higher education."

- Governor Mike Leavitt

### Student Population Map, October 2014



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—Tom Costello  
NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams

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